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1. The two principal producers of perlon* in East Germany are the Zellwollwerk Schwarza in Schwarza (55), near Sealfeld, and the Zellwollwerk Premnitz in Premnitz (2. 14.), near Rathenow. The Schwarza firm employs about 4,000 persons, and the Premnitz firm about 3,000.
2. At present all the perlon produced at Schwarza and Premnitz is sent to the USSR. The Schwarza production, which amounts to about 1,000 kilograms of perlon daily, consists almost entirely of spun perlon fabric in long bolts. The Premnitz production consists of spun fabric in short lengths.
3. The organic substance, E-Kaprolaktam, from which perlon is manufactured, comes to the Schwarza and Premnitz firms almost entirely from the Leunawerke.

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5. Dr. (fnu) Winckler is the director of the Premnitz firm. Winckler came to the Premnitz firm from the Schwarza firm. He is in his early thirties and has been politically active in the East German Volksrat.
6. The Agfa-Wolffen firm in the Soviet Zone produces a transparent perlon film material from which captive balloons were made during the war.
7. One of the principal perlon factories in the USSR is located at Klin ** near Moscow, and another is in Kamenskaya***, near Rostov. The Klin factory, which produces about 2 1/2 tons of perlon daily, is a reassembly

* Perlon is the German term for nylon.

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of the former German ~~perlon~~ plant in Lankisberg (I 34), which was dismantled after the war. Mr. (fcm) Moench, a German specialist in the perlon field, was at the Klin factory in Kursk for 2 1/2 years after the war, then came back to Germany where he spent some time at the Schwarza firm, and is now somewhere in West Germany. The Kamenskaya plant was established with equipment taken from the Premnitz plant in Germany immediately after the war.

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Comments:

** Presumably this is the Klin at 55° 19' N, 36° 20' E.

*** Presumably this is Kamenskaya or Kamensk-Shakhtinskii at 48° 21' N, 40° 19' E.

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